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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

IGARASHI et al.

Art Unit: 1754

Application No. 09/669,426

Examiner: Cam N. Nguyen

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
HYDROCYANIC ACID SYNTHESIS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the March 14, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. A method for producing a hydrocyanic acid synthesis catalyst which comprises selecting an iron source and ^{forming} ~~form~~ for the hydrocyanic acid synthesis catalyst ^{an iron} ~~and~~ having a surface and sequentially exposing the iron surface to oxidative and reductive atmospheres.

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 11 and 12.

REMARKS

Applicants hereby affirm the previous election made to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-10 being presently readable thereon. Claims 11 and 12, withdrawn

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